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HUNTINGTON AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

May 29, 1983

C A L E N D A R

June 13, 7:00 pm
Monday

Home of Chloe Dunfee 818 13th Ave..
Board Orientation for all board members -- any other
member who would like to learn more about the League
is most welcome to attend!

NEW SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

We congratulate Kathleen Gross on her acceptance to WVU Law School and wish her well as she begins her studies in the Fall. Unfortunately for our League, Kathleen will thus be unable to serve as Second Vice Pres. Fortunately for our League, Janice McNearney has accepted the Board's appointment to fill out the position. Janice will share the Education portfolio with Donna Richardson and will serve as general consultant and advisor to the board -- as most of us know, Janice is our immediate past president.

BOARD MEETING NOTES

At our May 17 board meeting we covered the following items while enjoying a convivial atmosphere and good eats at Janice McNearney's house (thanks, Janice!)

Hazardous Waste Committee Project:

We agreed to apply for LWVEF/Mott Foundation grant to do a Fall Forum on Hazardous Waste issues and to print a basic-information flyer on Hazardous waste concerns in WV. We hope to get about \$500.00 for these projects. Participating in the last Hazardous Waste Committee meeting were Lila Thompson, Helen Gibbins, Marcia Daoust, and Linda Rowe.

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National Security Committee Project:

We agreed to submit an application to WPMY-TV for a League-sponsored television program on the National Security issues. The proposed format includes information, panel discussion, and opportunities for questions from the studio and viewing audiences. Please see the IR/National Security report elsewhere in this issue.

Action on City Government Issues:

The Board decided to defer taking action until a later date -- if action seems appropriate. As many members know, the Huntington League was very active in the establishment of our present form of city government and we continue to support our Council-City Manager form of government. Please see the item about our City Government consensus elsewhere in this issue.

Recreation Committee Project:

We agreed to do a flyer on available summer recreation programs in Huntington and hope to have it ready for distribution before school's over. Des Laux and Marica Daoust are the recreation committee.

The well attended Board Meeting included many interesting reports on League activity and a free-for-all discussion on the purpose and appearance of our BULLETIN. We were also reminded to WRITE to our congress people in SUPPORT OF A CLEAN WATER ACT.

— Linda Rowe, President 523-4475

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IR - NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY

ARMS CONTROL - THE ISSUE OF THE 80's, every organization is concerned. The League, AAUW, churches, concerned scientists, physicians, Nobel prize winners and all legislative bodies.

We need facts in order to make intelligent decisions. Two of Leagues publications are absolutely first rate:

- The Quest for Arms Control
- Providing for the Common Defense

Call Margaret Cerke, phone # 529-4345, to receive your issues (\$.75 to League members and \$1.25 to others). Let's study them ourselves, and get them for our neighbors, as fair, accurate, information--

We had a good Presentation at Annual Meeting, thanks to Gene Adams & David Woodward. Chloe Dunfee and Clair Matz gave us excellent background for considering what is National defense and a comparison of US & USSR military capabilities. In October we will take consensus on arms control, so be ready - save articles, write down your questions, and read and think--

Nancy Taylor

DUES ARE DUE

Yes, we are reminding you of your commitment, once again...annual dues are:

\$20.00 Basic

Please send your check to Lila Thompson, 2738 Washington blvd. Hunt. 25705.

Thank you...sincerely.

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City Council appointed a 10 member charter review committee a year ago, to look at Huntington's charter and make suggestions for change. Betsy Broh and I are both members, not necessarily as League representatives. Other members are:

Robert Alexander - Mayor and Committee Chairman
 Roger Smith - Council Member
 Bill Toney - Council Member
 Stephen Christian - Council Member
 Ken Blue - Council Member
 Bob Baily - Council Member
 Argie Moore - Council Member
 Roy Bruce - Council Member.

The committee has met regularly and has passed several recommendations. There is a list at the end of this article. The city legal dept. has said that the recommendations can be given to council and if there is no objection from the citizens, they can be incorporated into the present charter by vote of council. If there is objection, they must be submitted to a referendum.

Obviously, there will be objection to some of the recommendation. In this case, there are two choices for votes.

1. The recommendations can be put on the ballot for a yes-no vote.
2. A more likely procedure would be to vote for the question whether or not to change the charter, AND at the same time elect a charter board to take office if the charter is to be changed. Then if the vote is to change the charter, the new charter must be put on the ballot. Which would mean two (2) elections.

The major change in the charter recommended by the current charter review committee is the change from the council-manager form of government to a mayor-council form. This was passed by a 5-4 vote with one absention. At this same time, a petition asking for the strong mayor form is being circulated. If the petition succeeds in getting enough verified signatures, a vote would be required, followed by election of a charter board and approval of a new charter, as describe above.

Yes, it's confusing. Yes, it's very uncertain, In any case, the League needs to be "very involved." As our consensus stands, we will be working to keep the present charter. We will also be asked to participate in any elections, and will need help from all our members and from members of the community who agree with our position.

You will hear more about this issue.

Charter Review Committee Recommendations:

1. Mayor-Council form of government;
2. Election of council by districts;
3. Increase in number of district to 11;
4. Separate election of mayor;
5. Mayor and council to be the governing body and administrative authority (as rescribed by state code);
6. City manager as administrator appointed by mayor with approval by council;
7. Increase in salaries: city council members to \$500/mo; mayor to \$800/mo.;
8. Director of Law appointed by council & responsible to council, first;
9. Appointment of an internal auditor by council;
10. Removal of sexist lanuage in charter.

Betty Barrett

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Congratulations - to League members Montserrat and Chuck Chambers on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Nora, Saturday, May 21, 1983!
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DEFINITION

ARMS CONTROL - any unilateral action or multilateral plan resting upon explicit or implicit international agreement, which limits or regulates any aspect of the following: The production, numbers, type, configuration and performance characteristics of weapon systems, and the numerical strength, organization, equipment and deployment of the armed forces retained by the parties.

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